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1. JAPAN

PRES CARTER POSTPONED UNTIL 3/31 ACTION ON CAB PROPOSAL
TO REDUCE SOME JAL FLIGHTS INTO US IN RETALIATION FOR
JAPAN'S REFUSAL APPROVE PLANNED FLIGHTS US TIGER LINES
CARRIER. CARTER SAID HE'S "CONFIDENT" BILAT AVIATION
NEGOTS W/JAPAN--RESUMING WEDS--WILL ELIMINATE JAPANESE
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RESISTANCE TO FLYING TIGER SCHEDULE ADDITIONS (WSJ;
SHIFRIN, WP).

REBUFFING ADMIN'S FREE TRADE POLICY, HOUSE TRADE SUBCMTE
VOTED TUES TO RAISE IMPORT DUTIES ON NUTS/SCREWS/BOLTS--
MOSTLY FROM JAPAN. HOUSE/SENATE MUST ACT W/IN 90 DAYS
ON PROPOSAL (REUTER'S POSNER, 3/14).

JAPAN'S EXPORTS CONTINUED CLIMB IN FEB, PUSHING CUSTOMS-
CLEARED TRADE SURPLUS TO 1.65 BIL DOLS. IMPORTS TO US

ALONE UP 19.7 PCT OVER JAN. ANALYSTS SEE JAPAN SURPLUS
TOTTALLING 13 BIL DOLS FOR FY77 (ROWEN, WP; JOC).

JAPANESE TRADE MISSION COMPLETING US TOUR W/SOME 1.9
BIL DOLS IN ORDERS (BEHR, SUN). MEANWHILE, COMMERCE
ASST SEC WEIL SAYS US SELLING MISSION WILL PROBABLY
VISIT JAPAN IN OCT. ADDED ABOUT 600 MIL DOLS OF 1.94
BILLION WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN MADE W/O JAPANESE MISSION'S
VISIT (TELFER, JOC).

IN 3RD OF SERIES ON JAPAN SHIPPING INDUSTRY, JOC'S
CULLISON (TOKYO) REPORTS JAPAN'S NEWBUILDING VOLUME FOR
1979 LIKELY BE ONLY 4 MIL GROSS TONS--ABOUT 1/3 PEAK
LEVEL FOR INDUSTRY. YARD UTILIZATION RATES EXPECTED BE
DOWN 30-40 PCT BY '79.

JAPAN'S 1ST EXPERIMENTAL BROADCASTING SATELLITE WILL BE
LAUNCHED FROM CAPE KENNEDY 3/24, MAKING JAPAN 4TH
COUNTRY AFTER US/CANADA/USSR W/SUCH DEVICE (UPI, JOC).

SONY'S EARNINGS IN FISCAL 1ST QTR PLUNGED 50 PCT.
DECREASE SEEN PRIMARILY DUE YEN'S SHARP RISE IN VALUE
OVER PAST YR (WSJ).
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CITING INTERVIEWS W/GOJ, REFUGEE WORKERS, NYT'S MALCOLM
(KAMAKURA) REPORTS GOVT HAS DECIDED CONTINUE TIGHT
POLICY TOWARD "BOAT PEOPLE", FORBIDDING THEIR PERMANENT
SETTLEMENT. QUOTES IMMIGRATION BUREAU CHIEF YAMANO
JAPAN HASN'T "ANY PROSPECT FOR CHANGE" IN POLICY.

2. KOREA

TESTIFYING BEFORE SENATE PANEL 3/14, TONGSUN PARK SAID
HE GAVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO FEWER THAN 6 SENS/REITERATED
DENIAL THAT HE WAS ROKG AGENT. SPECIAL COUNSEL KRAMER
SAID HE DID NOT EXPECT TESTIMONY RESULT W/INDICTMENTS
OF "ANY PRESENT OR FORMER SENATOR" (AP NYT, SUN; UPI,
WP).

FIRST "KOREAN PAYOFF" TRIAL BEGINS WEDS IN WASHINGTON
AS HANCHO KIM FACES CHARGES OF CONSPIRING USE 600,000
DOLS TO INFLUENCE US CONGRESSMEN ON BEHALF SK (NYDN).

WESTINGHOUSE HAS REACHED AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO
SETTLE LEGAL DISPUTE W/ROKG OVER BROADCASTING SYSTEM
(LAT 3/14).

3. CHINA

NCNA HAS ACCUSED USSR OF TURNING HORN OF AFRICA "INTO
ANOTHER TESTING GROUND" FOR NEW WORLD WAR (REUTER HK

3/14).

ACCORDING NCNA, OVER 10,000 SHANGHAI RESIDENTS WHO FELL VICTIM TO "GANG OF 4" HAVE BEEN REHABILITATED VIA CORRECTIONS IN WRONG VERDICTS/UNJUST PUNISHMENTS/IMPROPER WORK ASSIGNMENTS (REUTER, WP).

PRC HAS PRODUCED 3-VOLUME TRANSLATION EINSTEIN'S WORKS.
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SCIENCE ACADEMY VP, IN WORKS' INTRO, SAYS EINSTEIN'S CULTURAL/SCIENTIFIC HERITAGE WOULD HAVE POSITIVE EFFECT ON SCIENCE DEVELOPMENT IN CHINA (REUTER HK 3/14).

4. PHILIPPINES

PRES CARTER TUES NOMINATED AMB NEWSOM AS NEW UNDER SECY FOR POL AFFAIRS (REUTER, NYT 3/15).

IN MOVE TO INCREASE PRODUCTION, PHILS SUGAR COMMISSION HAS DIRECTED SUGAR MILLS FULFILL MINIMUM PRODUCTION STANDARDS OR FACE POSSIBLE TAKEOVER BY PSC. PSC STUDIES SHOW SUGAR INDUSTRY CAN GENERATE 28.5 MIL DOLS IN ADDITIONAL REVENUES BY UPGRADING PROD CAPACITIES (UNICOM NEWS MANILA, JOC).

5. SINGAPORE

ACCORDING AMEMB SPOKESMAN, 12 US JET FIGHTERS FORCED MAKE EMERGENCY LANDING AT SINGAPORE AIRPORT SUNDAY FOLLOWING "ENGINEERING DIFFICULTIES" ABROAD KITTYHAWK. CARRIER WAS ON EXERCISE IN S CHINA SEA WHEN ITS LANDING FACILITIES FAILED DUE TO LOSS OF STEAM POWER. SPOKESMAN SAID COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT WAS STACKED UP WHILE FIGHTERS, RUNNING LOW ON FUEL, TOUCHED DOWN. MIL AIRPORT APPARENTLY COULD NOT BE OPENED QUICKLY ENOUGH (REUTER SINGAPORE).

6. AUSTRALIA

FOLLOWING BIGGEST SINGLE DRUG SEIZURE EVER MADE IN AUSTRALIA, 2 ELDERLY AMCITS PLEADED GUILTY IN SYDNEY FED COURT WEDS OF POSSESSING 21.5-MIL-DOLS-WORTH HASHISH FOUND IN CAMPER VAN. FLORENCE MAY BESSIER, 61,/ VERA TODD HAYES, 62, BOTH FROM LA PINE, ORGEON, ARRESTED WHEN NARCS
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SEARCHED THEIR VEHICLE AT GOSFORD 1/31 AFTER TRAILING VEHICLE FOR 6 WKS FOLLOWING ARRIVAL MELBOURNE DOCKS. THEY DISCOVERED NEARLY 2 TONS CANNABIS RESIN IN 4,096 PACKETS HIDDEN BENEATH FLOORBOARDS. POLICE SAID CAMPER HAD BEEN BOUGHT IN FRG BY HAYE'S NEPHEW/ANOTHER MAN WHO

BEING SOUGHT FOR QUESTIONING (REUTER SYDNEY).

7. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

ACCORDING NYT'S GWERTZMAN, SECY VANCE SAID AT PRIV MTG TUES THAT HE FAVORS US ADMITTING ALL VIET BOAT PEOPLE RESCUED AT SEA BUT TURNED DOWN BY OTHER COUNTRIES, THAT HE PERSONALLY SUPPORTS RECOMMENDATIONS BY SPEC COMMISSION ON INDOCHINESE REFUGEES TO ADMIT ALL VIET/CAMBODIAN REFUGEES WHO CANNOT BE PLACED ELSEWHERE. SECY MET W/LEO CHERNE, CHRMN INTL RESCUE CMTE, WHICH SPONSORED FEB FACT-FINDING STUDY IN SEASIA.

GWERTZMAN SAYS VANCE'S COMMENTS--WHICH DOS OFFICIAL WOULD NOT DENY--WERE HIS "PLAINEST YET" ON REFUGEE PROBLEM BEING DEBATED W/IN ADMIN. NOTES DOS HAS ADVOCATED LIBERAL USE "PAROLE AUTHORITY" UNTIL CONGRESS PASSES IMMIGRATION LEGISLATION, NOT EXPECTED UNTIL NEXT YR AT EARLIEST.

CHERNE, HOWEVER, TOLD GWERTZMAN HE WAS "GREATLY TROUBLED" BY WORD ATTY-GEN MAY CONCLUDE USE OF PAROLE IS ILLEGAL-- THAT IT MAY BE INTENDED FOR INDIVIDUALS, NOT GROUPS. SAYS DOS ARGUING PAROLE USED IN PAST FOR LARGE NUMBERS REFUGEES, LIKE HUNGARIANS/CUBANS/INDOCHINESE.

SPEAKING TO NALT PRESS CLUB IN CANBERRA TUES, UNHCR URGED US/AUSTRALIA TAKE IN MORE REFUGEES FROM INDOCHINA. SAID UN WANTS AUSTRALIA ALONE TAKE IN 8,000 MORE THIS YR (AP CANBERRA, WP).

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TESTIFYING BEFORE HOUSE INTL RELS SUBCMTE TUES, EA'S HOLBROOKE SAID US REMAINS "UNEQUIVOCALLY READY" EST DIPLO/TRADE RELS W/SRV, BUT NOT UNDER CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY HANOI. SAID US/SRV MADE "SLIGHT BUT SIGNIFICANT" PROGRESS TOWARD IMPROVING RELS DURING 3 NEGOT SESSIONS IN PARIS LAST YR, BUT NEGOTS STILL BOGGED DOWN OVER VN'S INSISTENCE THAT THIS STEP BE PRECEDED BY US COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE ECON ASSISTANCE. NOTED THAT US HAD DROPPED ITS OPPOSITION TO VN'S ADMISSION UN/PROGRESS MADE IN OBTAINING SRV ACCOUNTING OF MIA'S (AP, NYT).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

9. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

LAT EDIT (3/14) CALLS FOR RATIONAL, LONG-TERM PROGRAM FOR RESETTLING INDOCHINESE REFUGEES, NOTING SO LONG AS US HAS NO SUCH PROGRAM OTHER NATIONS NOT LIKELY WELCOME REFUGEES. THO OTHER NATIONS "LOOKING TO AMERICA TO TAKE THE LEAD,"

SAYS NOW OBVIOUS THAT FLOW OF REFUGEES NO TEMPORARY PHENOMENON DUE SOLEY TO COLLAPSE US WAR EFFORT IN SEASIA. NOTES FLIGHT CONTINUES/AT INCREASING RATE OF ABOUT 4,500/MONTH.

LAT SAYS CARTER ADMIN AWARE OF NEED, BUT UNABLE COME UP W/PROPOSAL SINCE VIEWS CONFLICT OVER HOW MANY REFUGEES . SHOULD BE ADMITTED. NOTES ASST SECY DERIAN SUGGESTED 25,000 BE ADMITTED/SAYS THEY ARE "NO LESS DESERVING" THAN VIETS/ HUNGARIANS/CUBANS/SOVIET JEWS ALREADY ADMITTED.

JACK ANDERSON (WP) NOTES US WILLINGNESS OPEN ITS ARMS TO UNCLASSIFIED

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WORLD'S HOMELESS IS ABOUT BE TESTED AGAIN. IN PREPARATION FOR TESTIMONY BEFORE CONGRESS, SAYS INS RECENTLY SENT INVESTIGATOR HARPOLD TO SEASIA ON FACT-FINDING MISSION, THAT INS WAITING SINCE 1/24 TO MAKE REPORT PUBLIC.

ANDERSON CITES REFUGEE HORROR STORIES FROM REPORT/QUOTES HARPOLD THAT ESCAPEES FROM COMMUNISM/THOUSANDS YET TO COME ARE TRULY FACING "LIFE AND DEATH SITUATION"/THEIR ULTIMATE FATE IN HANDS OF US. REPORT CONCLUDES THAT US SHOULD ANNOUNCE POLICY OF ACCEPTING ALL BOAT PEOPLE SO AS ENCOURAGE VESSELS AT SEA TO PICK THEM UP.

10. LAOS

WSTAR'S BRADSHER (3/14) OBSERVES WAR HAS NOT ENDED FOR MEO PEOPLE OF LAOS WHO FOUGHT FOR US. SAYS SURVIVORS OF CIA'S "SECRET ARMY" HAVE KEPT ON FIGHTING SINCE US OFFICIALS WHO ORGANIZED THEM WENT HOME 3 YRS AGO. DECIMATED BY THEIR STAUNCH EFFORT ON AMERICAN SIDE, SAYS THEY WERE LEFT BEHIND TO DEAL W/VICTORS AS BEST THEY COULD/ARE "SLOWING, PAINFULLY LOSING THEIR WAR, AND THEIR HOMELAND." SAYS THEY ARE NOW RUNNING OUT OF AMMUNITION STOCKPILED IN '75/RUNNING OUT OF FOOD NOW THAT CIA NO LONGER FLIES RICE INTO AREAS TOO TORN BY WAR TO GROW CROPS.

BRADSHER NOTES COMBINED VIET/LAO COMMUNIST MIL EFFORT TO ELIMINATE MEO RESISTANCE IN JUNGLES MTS OF N LAOS EMPLOYS JET FIGHTER-BOMBERS/ARTILLERY AGAINST GUERRILLAS W/MOSTLY SMALL ARMS. SAYS COMMUNISTS TRYING DESTROY MEO WHO OPPOSE COMMUNIST CONTROL/REORG OF COUNTRY. IN INTER-VIEWS W/REFUGEES FLEEING LAOS, SAYS MEO REPORTED BEING ATTACKED W/NAPALM/POISON GAS/ARTILLERY, THAT THEIR WELLS WERE POISONED, THAT SEVERAL HUNDRED MORE WAITING IN JUNGLES FOR CHANCE CROSS INTO THAILAND. OPINES FUTURE OF THOSE IN CAMPS BLEAK, BUT FUTURE OF THOSE INSIDE LAOS EVEN UNCLASSIFIED

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BLEAKER.

11. INDONESIA

DESPITE ASSURED RE-ELECTION SUHARTO, CSM'S MORITZ (BANGKOK) SAYS REMAINS BE SEEN WHETHER "RENEWED SUHARTO STEWARD-SHIP" CAN CONTINUE COMMAND INDOS' LOYALTY/RESPECT AMID "SWIRL OF UNREST IN RELIGIOUS AND STUDENT CIRCLES." CITES AS BIGGEST PROBLEMS: MOSLEMS WHO FEEL GOI TOO TOLERANT MYSTICAL BELIEFS; MUSLIM CONCERN THAT THERE HAVE BEEN MORAL DETERIORATION/WEAKENING RELIGIOUS VALUES; DISEN-CHANTMENT STUDENTS OVER INCREASED CORRUPTION IN PUBLIC LIFE; CRITICISM IN INFLUENTIAL CIRCLES THAT GOVT CRACKDOWN AGAINST STUDENT UNREST WENT TOO FAR. NOTES MUSLIM-BACKED PPP COULD POSE PROBLEMS IN CURRENT CONGRESS, ADDING TO UNREST/GOI REACTION TO RESTIVENESS THAT COULD MAR HARMONY/ CONSENSUS THAT INDOS FEEL IMPORTANT TO THEIR LEADERS.

12. AUSTRALIA

JOC'S STOVE (SYDNEY) NOTES WHILE UTAH DEVELOPMENT CO IN AUSTRALIA RECORDED 180-MIL-DOL PROFIT, CITICORP--ANOTHER US CO--58 MIL DOLS IN RED--HIGHLIGHTING NEED FOR CARE BY US INVESTORS. NOTES THAT MINERAL RESOURCES PROFITABLE, WHILE PROPERTY DISASTROUS.

13. CHINA

GEO TOTTEN, FORMER DIRECTOR USC EA STUDIES CENTER, URGES END TO US "FOOT DRAGGING" ON NORMALIZING W/PRC. CAUTIONS US IS DAILY MISSING OPPORTUNITES BY PROSCRASTINATION. DECLARES AMERICANS SHOULD INSIST ADMIN ACT--"NOR CAN THEY AFFORD TO BE CONFUSED" ABOUT TAIWAN ISSUE. MAINTAINS UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT IN ADDITION TO GIVING ECON BOOST TO US AND PRC, QUICK NORMALIZATION ACTION WOULD FOSTER WORLD PEACE WITHOUT HARM-ING INTERESTS OF TAIWANESE, WHO MUST BEGIN WORK OUT THEIR OWN FUTURE RELS WITH REST OF PEOPLE OF CHINA (LAT 3/3).

CSM'S MORITZ (BANGKOK)/JOC'S LORENZ (KL) HIGHLIGHT PEKING'S "RINGING CHEER" FOR ASEAN, WHICH CAME DURING VICE-PREMIER LI'S PHILS VISIT. ACCORDING MORITZ, KI'S CHOICE OF SITE FOR THIS ENDORSEMENT "CLEARLY SYMBOLIZES" PEKING'S DESIRE FOR CONTINUING US PRESENCE IN ASIA TO COUNTERBALANCE SOVIETS. SUGGESTS, HOWEVER, THOUGH MORE PRAGMATIC FONPOL ASSOCIATED W/CHOU/TENG APPEARS BACK IN FAVOR, PRC MUST STILL OVERCOME LINGERING SEA SUSPICIONS IN PARTS OF ASIA WHERE LARGE NUMBERS POTENTIALLY LEFT-WING OVERSEAS CHINESE

RESIDENTS COULD BE SEEN AS THREAT.

NYT'S BORDERS (NEW DELHI) FINDS SINO-INDIAN RELS "SUDDENLY
SEEMS BETTER" THAN IN EARLY 2 DECADES. SAYS MAJOR ISSUE
BETWN THEM REMAINS DISPUTED BORDER THROUGH HIMALAYAS. VANCE

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